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Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge Brigham City, UT General Bird Survey February 12, 2013

Volunteer Kristin Purdy conducted a general bird survey (non-waterbird) on the refuge on February 12, 2013, recording 11 species. The refuge's 95% frozen status and the persistent deep snow cover resulted in a high number of ring-necked pheasants and low numbers of passerines and raptors. Fifty-eight of the 88 pheasants were observed on the first 6 miles of the survey route. Only 4 song sparrows, 10 red-winged blackbirds, and 3 Northern harriers, combined with no marsh wrens or Western meadowlarks observed, is unusual. Two snow buntings, classified as rare in winter, was a highlight.

Ring-necked pheasant	88
Loggerhead shrike	1
Common raven	6
Horned lark	114
American tree sparrow	2
Song sparrow	4
Snow bunting	2
Red-winged blackbird	10
Northern harrier	3
Rough-legged hawk	9
Bald eagle	4

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